

Story Time

Jokes, anecdotes and stories as told by native English speakers.

Bed Solutions

This guy goes to see a **psychiatrist**. "Doc," he says, "I've got this terrible problem. Every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. So, I get under the bed, but then I think there's somebody on top of it. Top, under, top, under. You've got to help me. I'm **going crazy**!"



So, the psychiatrist says, "Come to me three times a week, and I'll **cure** your **fears**." "How much do you charge?" "A hundred dollars a visit." "OK. I'll think about it," the man says. Six months later, the doctor

meets the man in the street. "Hey, why didn't you come to see me again?" he asks. "For a hundred dollars a visit? You must be joking. A **bartender** cured me for ten dollars." "Oh, really? How did he do that?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed."



Orange Head

A man with a big orange head walks into a doctor's office. The doctor says, "**Good gosh!** You've got a big orange head. How did that happen?" So, the guy starts to tell his story. "Well, doctor, the other day I'm **walking along** the beach when I notice a piece of metal in the sand. I **pick it up** and it's a lamp. So, I clean off the sand and out comes this **genie**. He says he'll **grant** me three **wishes**. So, I say, 'Genie, for my first wish I want a bank account with 10 billion dollars in it. And the genie gives me a card with a number for a **bank account** with 10 billion dollars in it. So, then I say, 'Genie, for my second wish I want to be married to the most beautiful woman in the world, and in her hand she has a marriage certificate.' Then, the guy turns to the



madly in love with me.' And **all of a sudden** I'm standing next to the most beautiful woman in the world; and in her hand she has a marriage certificate." Then, the guy turns to the

doctor and says, "Now, Doctor, I think this is the **point** where I **went wrong**. I looked at the genie and said, 'Genie, for my third wish I want a big orange head.'"

GLOSSARY

a psychiatrist *n*
a doctor who treats mental illnesses
I'm going crazy *exp*
I'm getting really angry
to cure *vb*
to make better
a fear *n*
if you have a "fear", you are frightened of something
a bartender *n*
a person who works in a bar serving drinks, etc
good gosh! *excl*
an exclamation of surprise
to walk along *phr vb*
to continue walking in a particular direction
to pick up *phr vb*
to take something with your hands
a genie *n*
a magical, imaginary person who lives in a lamp
to grant a wish *exp*
to give you what you ask for
a bank account *n*
a series of bank numbers that represent a place where money is kept in a bank
madly in love with someone *exp*
if you are "madly in love with someone", you really love that person
all of a sudden *exp*
suddenly; quickly and unexpectedly
a point *n*
a time or place in a story
to go wrong *exp*
if things "go wrong", they go badly and cause you problems

Travel English

- Learn over 500 useful words and expressions for travelling abroad.
- 40 topic areas covering a wide range of typical situations.
- Over 400 images to help you learn the words and expressions.
- More than 30 dialogues so you can hear the language in action.

For more information, visit: www.learnhotenglish.com/shop

